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# Report of the President

To the Trustees of Trinity College:

As President of Trinity College, I have the honor to submit to you herewith a report of the 132nd academic year of the College. It covers the second complete year of the stewardship which you have entrusted to my care.

It is a privilege to report that Trinity during 1954-1955 continued to go forward. The Student Body, the Faculty and the Administration performed their tasks with commendable effectiveness. In a most laudable way the Alumni, the Parents and other Friends of the College cooperated with you in furthering the interests of Trinity. It is, may I add, a signal privilege to serve as the executive head of this historic liberal arts college.

In reporting to you at the end of my sophomore year, I will discuss the progress the College has made during the decade since the cessation of hostilities in World War II; where we stand today; and the steps that we must take in the future. The important data concerning the various parts of the College and the major activities of the past year are included in a separate Appendix.

At the outset I note an event that will always be remembered in the annals of the College; namely, the visit on October 20, 1954, of the President of the United States, Dwight D. Eisenhower. At the Fall Convocation held in the quadrangle outside of the Chapel the President received the degree of Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*, and delivered a stirring and inspiring address, saying, among other things: "Our institutions of learning and our churches have become the true mobilization centers of those forces which may now save civilization and preserve those forces of life, those concepts of human dignity and the right on which our civilization has been based."

During the year Trinity voluntarily submitted to a re-evaluation by a committee of the New England Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. This Committee unanimously recommended the continuance of Trinity's membership in the Association, which action was approved at the Annual Meeting by the Standing Committee on Institutions of Higher Education.

A decade has now passed since the end of World War II, a decade that has been an exciting and an active one for Trinity, a decade during which the College has made notable progress. During these ten years Trinity has, along with other institutions of higher learning, been called upon to face the serious problems of post-war adjustment



brought about by the returning veteran, by the necessity of rebuilding a faculty that had been dispersed during the War, and by providing physical facilities adequate for effective operation; has had to meet the issues resulting from the war in Korea and the serious international tension caused by the ideological conflict with communism which brought about increasing demands for military service. This decade is one that has seen several changes in the executive leadership of the College — with Dr. G. Keith Funston as President from 1944-1951; Dr. Arthur H. Hughes as Acting President from 1951-1953; and with your present President in office since March of 1953. It has been a decade during which Trinity, along with all independent colleges and universities, large or small, richly endowed or not, has been confronted with perplexing financial problems, due to increasing costs, to expanding inflation and to the pressures of evergrowing student bodies.

This therefore is a fitting and appropriate time to review the progress that Trinity has made during the past decade; to see where we stand today; and to consider the problems the College must solve in providing soundly and effectively for the future.

Prior to the end of World War II, the largest number of undergraduate students was 556, at the opening of the Christmas Term in 1940-1941. When College began in the autumn of 1945, just ten years ago, Trinity had but 217 civilian undergraduates. In the succeeding years at the opening of the Christmas Term, the numbers have been: 1946, 802; 1947, 875; 1948, 885; 1949, 819; 1950, 886; 1951, 922; 1952, 925; 1953, 916; and 1954, 906. Thus, during 1954-1955 the College was 63 per cent larger than at any time before World War II. This factor alone has created for Trinity many serious problems.

Prior to the War the largest number of applicants for admission to the freshman class was approximately three hundred, imposing few demands in regard to selection. In recent years we have had some nine hundred completed applications, and many others have been discouraged who had no hope of success. For the Class of 1959 the completed applications exceeded one thousand and they were closed at an early date.

The geographical distribution of our student body has increased; during the past decade the College has truly become a national and an international institution. Immediately prior to World War II 42 per cent of our students came from Greater Hartford; in 1946 the percentage was 39. In recent years less than 25 per cent have been residents of the Hartford area. Twenty-one per cent of the 1959 Class will come from Greater Hartford, and 32 per cent from Connecticut. Before World War II our students resided in 20 states. In 1954-1955 they came from 25 states, the District of Columbia, as well as from 8 foreign countries and territories of the United States.

Prior to World War II the largest number of full-time Faculty was 62, in the academic year 1940-41. At the opening of the Christmas Term 1945, there were 48; in 1946, the number was 55; in 1947, 60; 1948, 65; 1949, 68; 1950, 76; in 1954, 85. There are, it is interesting to note, but 19 members of the present Faculty, 22.4 per cent, who were

at Trinity prior to 1945. 77.6 per cent of the Faculty have come to the College during the decade 1945-1955.

Just before World War II there were 130,000 volumes in the Trinity College Library; as of June 30, 1945, the total was 140,000. Ten years later, as of June 30, 1955, the number of volumes had increased to 231,883, exclusive of the 130,000 in the splendid Watkinson Collection, making a grand total of 361,883, or 159 per cent more than a decade ago.

The value of the College endowment prior to World War II, as of September 22, 1941, was \$3,601,078.17. Ten years ago, on June 30, 1945, it was \$3,797,882.03. At the end of the present fiscal year, 1954-1955, the book value of our endowment (all investments) was \$6,530,-328.03. Its current market value is appreciably higher.

Before World War II the tuition was \$400 per annum. In 1946-1947, this was increased to \$450; and a year later to \$500. In 1949-1950 it went up to \$600; and again in 1953-1954 to \$650. Effective with the Christmas Term 1955-1956, the tuition has been advanced to \$700 and a General Fee of \$50, in lieu of existing fees, will be charged each student. While our fees are 75 per cent higher than before World War II, they are low in comparison with those at many comparable institutions and they pay barely one-half of what it costs the College to educate a student.

The past ten years have witnessed a great advance in the physical properties of the College. In 1946 the fine Hallden Engineering Laboratory was built; in 1953 additions were made to it. In 1948 the Memorial Field House was erected. In the same year a new dormitory, Elton Hall, was constructed. In 1952 the splendid new Library was completed. 1953 saw the building of the new Freshman Dormitory. During the same year extensive structural alterations in Williams Memorial to provide much-needed faculty and administrative office space were partially completed. During the past decade the College has acquired several parcels of property on Vernon Street: 77-79 in October of 1946; 118 in June of 1947; in 1949 the apartment house at 90-92; in late 1954 the apartment house with five five-room apartments at 86-88; and, in the early summer of 1955, the house at 84 Vernon Street which will be used for housing bachelor members of the Staff.

The budget for the fiscal year 1939-1940 called for expenditures of \$368,290. The 1945-1946 budget was for \$326,037. The budget that has been tentatively adopted for 1955-1956 involves the expenditure of \$1,597,667, 390 per cent more than a decade ago.

During each year of the decade from 1945 to 1955, the College has ended its fiscal operations in the black, though often the excess of income and reserves over expenditures and appropriations was small. In this accomplishment Trinity has taken great and justifiable pride. The College's operations have been sound, conservative and business-like. By keeping in the black, as the result of good business practices and of sound economy, we have been able with a clear conscience to go to our friends for help in regard to those items the College could not afford to include in the budget.

As the operations of and the demands upon the College expanded



following World War II, it was necessary to build a strong administrative staff. The acquisition of such a staff was essential if the vital activities of the College were to go forward successfully. This, among many other things, President Funston did superbly; the College is reaping and will continue to reap for years to come rich benefits from his discerning judgement and sound building. Prior to World War II when the need was far less than today, there were in June of 1940 but 6 on the staff; as of June 30, 1945, the number was the same.

Certain essential functions the College is now called upon to perform could not have been carried forward effectively without needed additions. I refer, for example, to the establishment of the Admissions Office and to the essential services it performs — during the past year it handled 4,040 requests for catalogues, applications, and other information, as well as 1,009 completed applications for admission, and in addition, visited 175 schools. I refer also to the creation of the Office of Public Relations, responsible for publicity, public relations, publications and central services, which last year through newspapers took care of 360 news stories and 100 sports stories, as well as many articles in magazines and other publications; which was in charge of the broadest radio and television coverage in Trinity history; which during the year, among other duties, published 196 separate items; duplicated 632,818 pieces (not including mimeographing); and mailed 186,171 separate items. The Alumni Secretary is responsible for the records and the servicing of 6,917 alumni as compared with approximately 3,250 before the War, and with some 4,000 as of June 30, 1945, as well as for the development of and contacts with the several local Alumni Associations. The Placement Office has met with great effectiveness the increasing demands of business, industry and professional and graduate schools in regard to our students. During the year 70 companies visited Trinity; 877 interviews were held on the campus, and 400 referrals were made for off-campus interviews. The Medical Officer, Dr. Francis L. Lundborg, '24, reports that during the year "two to three times more students made calls to the Medical Officer than in previous years."

The Alumni Fund, which was completely reorganized in 1948, has had to be developed and nurtured, as has the Parents' Fund. Someone has had to organize and develop the Trinity College Parents' Association which has meant so much to the College.

Until the spring of 1953 the College did not have a financial Development Office. In 1948, at the time of the 125th Anniversary Campaign, outside help had to be utilized. The Development Office is now established on a long-range basis. It has been responsible for the most successful Alumni Fund Campaign in the history of the College; for the splendid success of the Trinity College Parents Association as well as the remarkable Parents Fund; for the Trinity College Associates Program which has done much to cement the natural partnership that exists between business and industry of Greater Hartford and Trinity; for the Alumni Endowment Program that has started out so auspiciously; and whose far-reaching plans to further the financial interests of Trinity are vital to the life of the College. During the past

year the Development Office has been responsible for an annual income needed to balance the budget which represents the normal income from endowment of at least \$3,500,000.

All this has required an active and an alert administrative staff, which, I am delighted to report, the College has.

Such in broad retrospect has been the decade from 1945-1955, an era vitally important for Trinity.

What then, after this period of remarkable activity, are the problems that currently confront the College?

We start with the impending impact of students resulting from the rapidly rising birthrate. Without going into details, it is clear that by 1965 we must expect some 4,000,000 students in our institutions of higher learning, about 60 per cent over the college and university enrollment in the autumn of 1954. What does Trinity plan to do to meet this urgent situation? Will the College increase its undergraduate body from some 900 to about 1450? The answer is by no means an easy one. It poses serious problems for the College. Trinity fully recognizes the urgent necessity of meeting this demand and of providing adequate educational opportunities for those capable of benefiting thereby.

In trying to provide an answer, may I say that the strength of our country from its earliest days has depended to a great extent upon the diversity in type of institutions of higher learning. Tax-supported and independent colleges and universities with their many variations have given strength to each other, each performing the educational services for which it has been peculiarly qualified. Our future is largely dependent upon a continuance of this diversity. In view of the ideological conflict in which the freedom-loving peoples of the world are engaged with the forces of totalitarianism, it would be tragic if all institutions of higher learning were to become of one pattern, were to adopt a conforming mediocrity. Far better that each college and university render to the best of its ability the services for which it is uniquely qualified. A college such as Trinity cannot and must not attempt to perform many of the functions so well executed by our larger institutions. What we do, we must do well, and mass education is not one of the strong points of the College. Trinity further recognizes, as I said in my Report of a year ago, "that it must, as an independent, non-tax-supported institution provide an education fully justifying the changes that must be made therefore."

Were we to add to the size of our undergraduate student body, we would of course have to increase our faculty, staff, classroom, laboratory and library facilities, and do so without the aid of tax support. In addition, we would have to provide more dormitory quarters or take the extra students from Greater Hartford. And, we believe, a student body from various parts of the country and other countries provides a broadening experience that is invaluable. Our endowment income would be spread more thinly, having to cover more students. As a result of necessity the quality of education would suffer. But, even more important, we would lose many of the significant assets of a small college, which, particularly in view of the basic problems



facing our country, are eminently worthwhile. In spite of added teachers and facilities, there is a point at which a small college ceases to retain its fundamental characteristics. And, it must not be forgotten, that Trinity, with its present undergraduate student body, is now 63 per cent over its largest pre-war size.

It is our present thinking that Trinity will render the most effective service by remaining at approximately its present size and by strengthening the fundamental training in the liberal arts which we seek to provide. It is our belief that in an era of mass education and of emphasis on vocationalism and specialization the need for such training in small institutions dedicated to the liberal arts, to the maximum development of the individual and to the furtherance of religious devotion is greater than ever. Proudly and humbly we will to the best of our ability endeavor to serve this need.

Trinity is anxious to have a student body composed of able and well-rounded young men, carefully selected from the various sections of this country and from foreign realms, chosen on the basis of ability, on their potential as future citizens and leaders; young men who will benefit from their experience "Neath the Elms", and who will, as the result thereof, be effectively equipped to go forward in graduate or professional schools, in business or industry. We do not seek, and I hope the College will never seek, narrow and restricted persons, interested solely and exclusively in academic scholarship.

The generous benefactors who have provided scholarships to such young men who could not afford the cost of a Trinity education have rendered a special service to the College. I hope sincerely that in the years immediately ahead many more will do so and that we may have in key areas of the country scholarships similar to Scholarships For Illinois Residents, Inc., which have meant so much to Trinity.

In connection with Scholarships For Illinois Residents, Inc., at the annual meeting in May the By-Laws of the Corporation were amended providing for the transfer of the principal office to the Trinity Campus; for the election of the Treasurer of Trinity College as Treasurer of the Corporation; for the election of the Secretary of the Trinity Trustees as Secretary of the Corporation; and for the holding of the annual meeting of the Corporation at the time of the Trinity Commencement Exercises.

To give young men we want at the College the finest education in the liberal arts, our Faculty must be of top quality. This of course is elementary. It is imperative that Trinity be in a position to attract and to retain the ablest teachers and scholars. This means that our salaries must be entirely adequate; that our Faculty have the finest equipment with which to work as well as the time to carry forward their professional and scholarly advancement. They must also have the time and facilities to work closely with their students. For this reason the renovations in Williams Memorial to provide added faculty office space are essential. More adequate housing particularly for the junior members is an item of very great importance.

In meeting effectively the impact of increasing numbers of students, teachers will present the major problem. Where are we going to get

them in sufficient quantities and with the desired training? They are not coming out of our graduate schools and teachers colleges in adequate numbers to meet the need. Obviously we must look elsewhere.

In this regard the liberal arts college has a tremendous responsibility and opportunity. It must help to provide teachers for institutions of higher learning, and for secondary education. Such a college must seek out the ablest persons and must take all necessary steps to interest them in following this noble profession. The college must see that persons desirous of pursuing a teaching career are soundly and effectively trained, both in subject matter content and in the understanding of human relations. Colleges and universities must place the highest emphasis on teaching as a profession in order to attract more persons as they go through college.

An institution of higher learning must never lose sight of the fact that it is not built alone of brick and stone, but of human beings. Just as the strength and the soul of a country such as ours are the spirit and integrity of its citizens, so the strength and soul of a college are the men who compose it. I am lastingly proud that Trinity has built, and has built firmly, on this sound foundation. The College has always recognized that a strong student body and an outstanding faculty are of cardinal importance. Adequate provisions for them are Trinity's top priorities.

In order for students and faculty to do their best, it is essential in the very near future for the College to take certain steps in regard to our physical facilities. I refer, first, to the completion of the renovations in Williams Memorial — the start was made in 1953 — so that the faculty and the administration will have vitally needed office space. For efficiency of operation this is urgent.

A modest but useful Student Center is also of paramount importance. It is essential if the College is to render the utmost service to our students. Freshmen and some 40 per cent of our upperclassmen do not belong to fraternities. The College lacks adequate facilities for the social welfare of these young men, as well as sufficient dining space. It is hoped that the new Student Center will be built to the south of Hamlin so that the kitchen with needed expansion will service both buildings. The Executive Committee of the Trinity College Parents' Association have recognized the urgent need for a new building such as I have mentioned.

It has become obvious that little more can be done with Boardman Hall of Natural Science and Jarvis Physics Laboratory; that further expenditures on them will not be sound economically. The answer is to build a new Science Building with ample classroom facilities in the place of these two historic structures. In view of the fine achievement of our Science Departments, it is hoped that this building will be an accomplished fact in the very near future.

In my last Report I pointed out that the problems facing the administration have increased in quantity and importance. This has been due to several factors, among others: the establishment of a permanent Financial Development Office; the vastly increased number of applications for and queries concerning admission; our rapidly expanding



Alumni body; the growing demands upon the Placement Bureau. These and other matters have also added materially to the duties of the Office of Public Relations. While it has been the wise and established policy of the College to keep at a minimum the number on the administrative staff, it is my duty to report that if the several administrative offices are to render the maximum service to the College, a few increases in the near future have to be made. In this connection, for example, I quote from the Committee of the New England Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools which re-evaluated the College: "We note . . . that no provision is made for psychiatric service within the college itself. Granting the high order of psychiatric service available nearby, we venture to ask whether a psychiatric consultant more closely affiliated with the College might not be useful, not only for the care of individual students but also for the contribution which we believe modern psychiatry has to offer to college staffs in the counseling of students."

In the autumn of 1953 you approved certain long-range goals for our Financial Development Program. These goals recognized very wisely that students and faculty are the top priorities of the College, along with the essential facilities for their effective operation. In view of the splendid record that the Development Office has made since its establishment in the late spring of 1953 and of the firm foundations which it has laid, the immediate future would clearly seem to be the proper time to take definite action for the attainment of these priority goals. I say this because of the magnificent support of the Alumni (the 1954-1955 Alumni Fund Campaign was an outstanding success); of the Parents (the support given by the Trinity College Parents Association has been most inspiring); of Episcopalians and other Friends of the College; as well as of Business and Industry (through the Trinity College Associates Program). I am completely confident that the time is ripe to go forward with our established Program. The continuing success of the College is dependent thereon.

I conclude my second full year as President of Trinity confident that the problems facing the College will be resolved successfully; grateful for the splendid cooperation and understanding which you have given me and for the excellent assistance and the many kindnesses on the part of my faculty and administrative colleagues. I look forward with enthusiasm to working with you in furthering the interests of the College.

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT CHARLES JACOBS  
*President*

Trinity College  
September 1955

## APPENDIX

In the Appendix to my Report I will deal with the following subjects: the Student Body; the Faculty; the Administration; the Trustees; the Alumni; the Academic Program; the Religious Program; the Library; Building and Grounds; College Finances; and the Development Program.

### THE STUDENT BODY

I continue to be impressed with the students at Trinity. They are able and well-rounded young men who have the potential of becoming effective citizens and leaders. They are doing well in the classroom; their record on the athletic field is commendable; they are active in the affairs of campus life and in their religious devotion. Young men of whom the College is justly proud, eagerly sought by business, industry and the professions, they have during the year conducted themselves in accordance with the finest Trinity traditions.

It has been the aim of the College in recent years to have an undergraduate student body of around 900. At the opening of the Christmas Term 906 were enrolled as candidates for the baccalaureate degree. Of these 671, or 74.1 per cent, resided in the College dormitories or in the several fraternity houses.

The Class of 1958, numbering 264, and selected from nearly 900 completed applications, came from 20 states, the District of Columbia and three foreign countries. Twenty-four per cent were residents of Greater Hartford, 39 per cent of Connecticut, and 52 per cent of New England. Seventy-seven per cent of the freshman class resided in the College dormitories.

The College continues, I am happy to report, the attention to the individual student. During the past academic year the average class at Trinity numbered 17.09, as compared with 17.69 in 1953-1954.

The average academic grade for the entire College dropped somewhat. It was 75.0, as compared with 75.9 in 1953-1954; 75.8 in 1952-1953; and with 75.2 in 1951-1952. The reasons are difficult to find; lack of ability is not one. The factor of motivation is all-important. The Freshman Class maintained an average of 70.9; the upperclassmen 76.8; resident students 74.2; married students 78.0; single students 74.9; members of fraternities 75.8; and non-fraternity men 74.5.

Thus, for the fifth successive year the fraternity and club members turned in a better grade average than the non-fraternity men. This should always be the case because freshmen cannot join fraternities. The Brownell Club again led the list of social organizations with the excellent average of 82.2, while Alpha Chi Rho with 78.2 once more maintained the best average among the fraternities, closely followed by Delta Phi with 78.1, and Pi Kappa Alpha with 78.0. It is to be noted that a new local fraternity, Kappa Psi, in existence only since the start of the Trinity term, maintained for that Term the fine average of 79.0. Five fraternities were below the general College average while six were under the average for all upperclassmen.



Two hundred and fourteen, or 23.6 per cent of the 906 candidates for the baccalaureate degree, held scholarships totalling \$97,521. The average scholarship was \$456. Thirty-three of the 214 were Illinois Scholars receiving \$34,450. The holders of the Illinois Scholarships, which mean so much to the College, continue to make outstanding records at Trinity.

Seventeen members of the Class of 1955 were elected to membership in the Connecticut Beta Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa.

Fraternities continue to play an important role in College life. In my previous reports I have commented on the commendable way in which they are on the whole conducting themselves. We are happy to have them as an integral part of the College. During the year a local fraternity, Alpha Theta, ceased to exist. At the start of the Trinity Term another local society, Kappa Psi, was organized. It has maintained an excellent record and has been accepted as a component chapter of Phi Kappa Psi, a national fraternity, according to a vote of the Executive Council. Installation of the new chapter and initiation of its officers will be held later this year.

The joint Committee on Fraternity Housing has been active during the year, but the major problem before it has not been resolved. An interim report indicating that the several fraternities desired to remain on Vernon Street, asked whether any of the property now owned by the College on the south side of Vernon Street and on Summit Street between Vernon and Williams Memorial would be available for individual fraternity housing. In view of the long-range needs of the College, you decided that this question had to be answered in the negative. It is imperative that a sane and practical solution to the question of fraternity housing be found in the near future.

On the athletic field the College had a successful year. We had winning teams and losing teams, but their spirit was splendid, indicating that sports, intercollegiate and intramural, are an important part of a sound education. I congratulate the teams, their several coaches, as well as our very able Director of Athletics, Professor Raymond Oosting.

In all forms of intercollegiate athletic competition, varsity and freshman, including lacrosse (an informal sport), the College recorded 88 wins, 69 losses and 2 ties, for an overall winning percentage of 56. In varsity sports our record was 60 victories, 36 defeats and 2 ties, for 62 per cent. Our freshman teams ended the year with 28 wins, 33 losses, or 46 per cent.

I report the following highlights of the athletic year. The football team was undefeated and untied with seven straight victories, including a 26-14 win over Wesleyan. The varsity soccer team had five wins, two losses (to Harvard and Yale, each by one goal), and a tie with Wesleyan. I pay further tribute to our baseball team with its splendid record of fourteen wins (including two over Wesleyan) and four defeats; to the swimming team with six victories and two losses; to the tennis team which did extremely well winning ten of its eleven matches; to the lacrosse team with five wins and two defeats; and to the 5-2 record compiled by the freshman squash team.

In connection with athletics, I am happy to report that due to Alumni interest we have scheduled, beginning in 1956, two baseball games with Wesleyan to be played during the Commencement week-end, one in Hartford and one in Middletown.

At the opening of the academic year 218 students were enrolled in the Air Force R.O.T.C., 82 of them in the Advanced Program. Thirty-two were commissioned on June 11, 1955, when Lieutenant Colonel Philip I. Hallam, USAF, Professor of Air Science, spoke. Eight others will receive their commissions after completion of summer camp. The Trinity College Air Force R.O.T.C. unit, while smaller than in previous years due to the easing of international tension, has stood up splendidly in comparison with comparable units elsewhere. For this great credit goes to Lieutenant Colonel Hallam and to his very efficient staff. After four years of highly effective service at Trinity, he has been ordered to duty elsewhere. I am happy to report that Colonel Hallam has completed his requirements for the master's degree so that his ties with Trinity will continue. Lieutenant Colonel Jerry H. Ayers, USAF, who succeeds as Professor of Air Science, will, I am confident, continue the high standards established by his predecessor.

The Class of 1955 included 198 seniors who were on the campus during the Trinity Term; the others who received degrees in June were of previous classes. According to the report of the Director of Placement, 77, or 39 per cent, are going to graduate or professional schools, the preferred fields being: law, 16; medicine, 15; theology, 12. Forty-four, or 22.2 per cent, have been admitted for this autumn, with applications pending from 8 (4.0 per cent); and with 25 (12.5 per cent) planning to attend after military duty. Military service has called or will call within this calendar year 108, or 54.5 per cent; of these 50, or 25.3 per cent, were in service as of July 1st. Seventy-four, or 36.9 per cent, are currently employed; of these 58 will be called into military service during the year, which indicates very clearly that companies are interviewing on a long-range basis and are hiring young men they know will be with them for but a few months at this time. The remaining 11.6 per cent of the class are in miscellaneous categories.

The Director of Placement reports that the demand by business for college graduates continued to increase despite the liability to military service. Seventy companies visited Trinity during the past academic year; visits of some twenty others were cancelled because by that time most of the seniors had reached a decision. I quote from the report of the Director of Placement: "Eight hundred and seventy-seven interviews were held on campus; approximately 336 invitations to visit companies were extended as a result of these interviews. In addition to the companies visiting the campus, approximately 400 referrals were made for interviews off-campus. In December a mailing, consisting of brief resumes of each senior interested in business fields, was sent to about 650 companies. The range of salary offers was from \$3,600 to \$4,680; the average for B.A. was \$4,059, the mean, \$4,100; for B.S. the average was \$4,235, the mean, \$4,400."



The major academic ceremonies and college affairs included the President's Dinner to the class of 1958 on September 17; the Opening Exercises on October 8, when *The Book* was entrusted to the Secretary of the Faculty; the Fall Convocation on October 20, described previously, at which time Trinity was signally honored by the presence of the President of the United States, Dwight D. Eisenhower; the first annual Parents Day on October 30, when in spite of inclement weather 1,009 parents of boys in College visited the campus; Homecoming Day, November 6; Matriculation, February 24; Honors Day, May 12, at which time 43 honors and prizes were awarded; the President's Dinner to the Senior Class, May 19, at which David A. Roberts, '55, Class President, the Honorable Russell Z. Johnston, '16, President of the Alumni Association; Dr. Vernon K. Kriebel and the President spoke.

The One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Commencement Exercises were held on Sunday, June 12, 1955, indoors unfortunately due to inclement weather. The Baccalaureate Sermon was preached by the Very Reverend Louis Melbourne Hirshson, Dean of Christ Church Cathedral in Hartford. The Commencement Address was delivered by Dr. Frank Diehl Fackenthal, one-time Provost and later for three years the Acting President of Columbia University. The Charge to the Graduates was given by the President. One hundred and sixty-two received the degree of Bachelor of Arts; 55 that of Bachelor of Science; 36 the degree of Master of Arts; and one the degree of Master of Science. Ten degrees *honoris causa* were conferred: Doctor of Science, John Franklin Enders and Karl William Hallden, '09; Doctor of Humane Letters, Fred Donald Carpenter, '10; Doctor of Letters, Arthur Amory Houghton, Jr.; Doctor of Laws, Frank Diehl Fackenthal, Frederick Brant Rentschler, Abraham Alexander Ribicoff and James Miller Symes; Doctor of Divinity, the Very Reverend Louis Melbourne Hirshson and the Reverend Robert Johnston Plumb, '22. The Alumni Medals for Excellence were awarded to: Harmon Tyler Barber, '19, and Victor Forrest Morgan, '99.

During the past year the President participated in two student assemblies: on December 14, where he discussed the financial affairs of the College; and, on January 6, when he announced the increase in fees. Other student assemblies were held on October 12, dealing with sports with Professor Raymond Oosting in charge; and on November 9, with the Senate and Medusa providing the program. The Senate arranged these assemblies.

The Evening Program under the very able direction of Dr. Robert M. Vogel continued to provide valuable educational services to the Hartford community. Enrollment during the Christmas and Trinity Terms was 309 and 280 respectively, as compared with 261 and 223 in 1953-1954. Throughout the year 385 different persons were registered as against 325 a year ago. Of these 345 were graduate students, a very high percentage being candidates for the Master's degree. In our Evening Program the College seeks to maintain the highest academic standards, striving for quality and not for quantity. The 1955 Summer School enrollment was 366, as compared with 305 in 1954.

## THE FACULTY

The College is rightly proud of its Faculty. They continue to render splendid service and are keenly interested in the welfare of the individual student.

Including a few officers with various administrative duties, and disregarding changes which occurred during the academic year, there were 18 Professors, 14 Associate Professors, 32 Assistant Professors, and 22 Instructors on our staff in 1953-1954, a total of 85 available for full-time service, in addition to 5 part-time teachers.

Dr. Vernon K. Kriebel, Scovill Professor of Chemistry, has retired after thirty-five years of distinguished and outstanding service. No one has done more to add to the stature of the College. His wise counsel, his insistence on the highest academic standards, his constructive dedication to the welfare of Trinity will be sorely missed.

During the past academic year several members of the Faculty have been on leave: Dr. Laurence L. Barber, Associate Professor of Government, as a member of the United Nations Technical Assistance Mission to Brazil; Dr. Harry T. Costello, Brownell Professor of Philosophy, during the Christmas Term due to illness; Mr. Harold J. Lockwood, Professor of Engineering, on sabbatical leave during the Trinity Term which he spent at the Forrester Aeronautical Laboratories at Princeton; and Dr. Roger Shaw, Assistant Professor of History, whose serious illness unfortunately has continued.

Ten members of the Faculty will be elsewhere next year: Dr. Laurence L. Barber, Associate Professor of Government, has resigned in order to continue his service as a member of the United Nations Technical Assistance Mission to Turkey; Mr. Clifford N. Cassidy, Instructor in Psychology; Lieutenant Colonel Philip G. Hallam, USAF, Professor of Air Science and Tactics; Mr. John E. Laestadius, Assistant Professor of Physics; Dr. Gordon F. Matheson, Instructor in Philosophy; the Reverend Mr. Gerald B. O'Grady, Jr., Assistant Professor of Religion; Mr. John F. Roberts, Instructor in Engineering; Mr. Comstock Small, Instructor in Geology; and Mr. Richard S. Sprague, Instructor in English. They all have served the College well. We wish them every success in their new endeavors. We also regret that Master Sergeant Stanislaus Radny, USAF, will not be with us next year. He has rendered highly effective service.

I am happy to announce 19 new appointments to the Faculty. I list them alphabetically: Mr. Montgomery B. Angell, Instructor in German; Dr. Richard P. Benton, Instructor in English; Dr. Edward Bobko, Instructor in Chemistry; The Reverend Dr. Edmund LaB. Cherbonnier, Associate Professor of Religion; First Lieutenant Henry A. Egierd, USAF, Instructor in Air Science and Tactics; Dr. Vernon L. Ferwerda, Assistant Professor of Government (during 1954-1955 Visiting Assistant Professor); Mr. Martin H. Francis, '52, part-time Instructor in Geology; Mr. Philip L. Kintner, Instructor in History (during 1954-1955 a part-time Instructor); Dr. Osborne W. Lacy, Assistant Professor of Psychology; Major Ralph W. McFerrin, USAF, Associate Professor of Air Science; Mr. Wallace E. McLeod, Instructor in Classical Languages; Mr. Richard D. Meade, Instructor in Psy-



chology; Mr. Rex C. Neaverson, Instructor in Government; Dr. Nguyen X. Oanh, Assistant Professor of Economics; Dr. James L. Potter, Instructor in English; Mr. Joseph St. Jean, Instructor in Geology; Mr. William L. Trousdale, '50, Instructor in Physics; Mr. Allyn J. Washington, '53, Instructor in Mathematics and in Physics; and Dr. Stanley Zimmering, Assistant Professor of Biology. These gentlemen will, I am confident, be splendid additions to the Trinity Faculty, maintaining the high academic standards for which the College has traditionally stood.

We are also happy to welcome Technical Sergeant Willis G. Barnes, USAF, as Assistant in Air Science and Tactics.

The following members of the Faculty have received well-deserved promotions: Lieutenant Colonel Jerry H. Ayers, USAF, to Professor of Air Science and Tactics; Dr. John B. McNulty, '38, to Associate Professor of English; Mr. John A. Dando, to Assistant Professor of English; Mr. George E. Nichols, III, to Assistant Professor of Drama; and Dr. Andrew H. Souerwine, to Assistant Professor of Psychology, effective November 1, 1954.

Leaves of absence have been granted for 1955-1956 to: Dr. Kenneth W. Cameron, Assistant Professor of English, to complete some scholarly writing; Mr. Albert Merriman, Assistant Professor of Classical Languages, during the Christmas Term, to finish his dissertation; and Mr. James A. Notopoulos, Hobart Professor of Classical Languages, to be Visiting Professor at Princeton University.

I note with real gratification that the title of the Professor of Engineering has been changed to the Hallden Professor of Engineering.

## THE ADMINISTRATION

The members of the administrative staff continue to render excellent service. Loyal, able and industrious, they perform their duties effectively and unselfishly. The changes in regard to administrative assignments approved a year ago have turned out extremely well.

The principal changes in the administration have occurred in the Office of Public Relations. Mr. Robert M. Bishop, M.A., '55, for eight years Director of Public Relations, left the College July 1, 1955, to join the executive staff of the New York Stock Exchange. He served the College extremely well, particularly in the field of publications, and in the sound building of the office which he headed.

We have been extremely fortunate in obtaining an excellent replacement. Mr. Kenneth C. Parker has been appointed Director of Public Relations effective September 1, 1955. He received his baccalaureate degree at Middlebury in 1931 and his master's degree at Columbia. Following a year of study abroad, he taught modern languages for thirteen years before becoming in 1945 the Director of Public Relations at The Taft School. More recently his duties there have included the Alumni and financial development programs as well. We welcome Mr. Parker to Trinity with great enthusiasm.

In March, after having been at the College for a year and a half as Assistant Director of Public Relations, Mr. Charles B. Saunders, Jr.,

resigned to accept a similar appointment at his alma mater, Princeton. While at Trinity Mr. Saunders rendered splendid service. We were very fortunate to get Mr. H. Richard Schumacher temporarily to fill this position. He will leave in September, 1955, to enter the Harvard Law School. Mr. Dale W. Hartford has just been named Assistant Director of Public Relations.

After nine years of effective and devoted service as Chaplain and Assistant Professor of Religion, the Reverend Mr. Gerald B. O'Grady, Jr., has left Trinity to become the Rector of the American Church in Geneva, Switzerland. The Reverend Mr. Allen F. Bray, III, '49, who has since 1954 served with great effectiveness as Assistant Chaplain, will be responsible for the Chapel pending the appointment of a new Chaplain. He will be assisted by the Reverend Dr. Kenneth E. Cragg. It has been decided on recommendation of the Committee on Religious Life that the new Chaplain will devote his energies to the Chapel and to pastoral work with students and faculty, and not be responsible for the Department of Religion.

For the record I report a few changes in administrative titles, which involved, however, no change in responsibilities. Mr. John A. Mason, '34, has been named Assistant to the President instead of Special Assistant to the President. The titles of Mr. William R. Peelle, '44, and Mr. Thomas A. Smith, '50, have been changed from Secretary of Admissions and Assistant Secretary of Admissions to Director and Assistant Director of Admissions, respectively.

### THE TRUSTEES

In January Mr. Raymond J. Wean, Sc.D., *honoris causa*, '54, was elected a Trustee. President of the Wean Engineering Co., Inc., President and director of many other leading concerns, his home is in Warren, Ohio. The College is indeed fortunate to have him as a member of the Corporation.

The announcement that Mr. George M. Ferris, '16, had been elected an Alumnus Trustee was made at the Annual meeting of the Alumni Association on June 11, 1955. A devoted and loyal alumnus, a former member of the Board of Fellows, active in civic and philanthropic affairs, he is President of Ferris and Company, Washington, D.C. Mr. Ferris takes the place of Mr. Ronald E. Kinney, '15, who has completed six years of devoted and loyal service as an Alumnus Trustee. We are lastingly grateful to Mr. Kinney for all that he has done to further the interests of Trinity.

The four stated meetings of the Trustees — November 6, January 15, April 23, and June 10 — were all well-attended.

### THE ALUMNI

The College is deeply grateful to the Alumni for their continued loyal devotion to and for their steadfast backing of Alma Mater. It has been heart-warming and inspiring as well as encouraging for the



future. I pay particular tribute to the Honorable Russell Z. Johnston, '16, for his faithful and constructive service as President of the Alumni Association, to the other officers and members of the Executive Committee, and to the several local Alumni Associations for their splendid support.

I wish especially to note the following alumni activities: (1) the highly effective way in which the officers and the Executive Committee handled the Alumni invitations to the Fall Convocation in honor of President Dwight D. Eisenhower; (2) the very successful Homecoming on November 6th, at the time of the Amherst game, ably planned by Mr. Francis V. Manion, '36, and his committee; (3) Family Day on May 21, with Mr. John L. Bonee, '43, as chairman; (4) the very effective June Reunion planned by Mr. Bertram B. Bailey, '15, and his committee; (5) the Alumni Interviewing Committee under the highly competent chairmanship of Mr. George C. Capen, '10, which functioned most helpfully in thirteen areas; (6) the several successful activities in the interest of the College conducted by the Trinity Club of Hartford; and (7) the most successful Alumni Fund campaign in Trinity's history superbly handled by Mr. Melvin W. Title, '18, and the many who worked with him. This campaign will be discussed in greater detail elsewhere.

It was my privilege during the year to attend alumni meetings in Baltimore, Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit, Hartford, Los Angeles, New York, Pittsburgh, Rochester, Springfield and Washington. Everywhere I was deeply impressed with the spirit and abiding devotion of our Alumni to Alma Mater. I regret that further visits were impossible. Successful Alumni meetings attended by other members of the College were also held in Boston, Bridgeport, New Haven, Naugatuck (Western Connecticut) and Philadelphia.

As of June 30, 1955, 6,217 Alumni were on our mailing list: 4,321 graduates (holders of baccalaureate, masters and honorary degrees); and 1,896 non-graduates. In addition, there are some 700 living Alumni who are not on the mailing list, making a grand total of 6,917 living Alumni. Every effort is being made to find the correct addresses of the 700. During the past year 2,057 changes of address were made. Forty-one Alumni died during 1954-1955.

A new Alumni Directory will be published in the near future and will be sent to all Alumni free of charge. The last directory was in 1951. The necessary data has already been requested of all alumni.

During the year the Committee of Trustees, Fellows and administrators appointed to clarify the functions of the Board of Fellows has been active. Its deliberations have been highly successful and will result, I am confident, in the Board of Fellows rendering even more significant service to the College.

The new Senior Fellows are Mr. J. Ronald Regnier, '30, and Mr. Melvin W. Title, '18. They succeed Mr. Alex. W. Creedon, '09, and Mr. Thomas Burgess, Jr., '32, who have served so extremely well. Oliver F. Johnson, '35, has been elected a Junior Fellow to take the place of Mr. David A. Tyler, Jr., '43; and Mr. Henry O. Phippen, Jr., '32, has been reelected a Junior Fellow.

## ACADEMIC PROGRAM

During the year a number of new courses were approved by the Faculty on the recommendation of the Curriculum Committee. These I will not attempt to list. The Curriculum Committee has been extremely active and concerned about the best academic program for the College. It is a committee of great importance to Trinity.

During the year much consideration was given to the science and mathematical requirements and to certain difficulties which have resulted therefrom. Not the least of these has been the failure to complete them during the early years of college. Thus, the Faculty, on the recommendation of the Curriculum Committee, voted that, "All required courses must be taken in the first two years of college with the following exceptions: the courses required to begin a major; exceptions made by the Dean for transfer students. In such exceptional cases, a sophomore may postpone for one year *one* of the following three requirements: Appreciation of Cultural Heritage; Literature; Creative Arts and Philosophy." The Faculty further voted to "grant candidates for the B.A. degree who are admitted to college with a credit in chemistry a full course credit upon passing Chemistry 101-102." As a result of these actions it is hoped that many of the current problems will be solved.

As I have already indicated, a decade has now passed since the cessation of hostilities in World War II. This has been an exceedingly busy era for the College, one of increasing problems, one that has seen several changes in its executive leadership. In my opinion the time has come, in view of the issues we must face in the years ahead, to take a complete inventory of our whole academic operation, re-examining our entire curriculum and the goals of the College to see whether we are providing the best education in the liberal arts. This must go forward. The College will seek funds so that our Faculty will have the time to deal with this vital matter constructively and intelligently.

## THE RELIGIOUS PROGRAM

Trinity has always taken pride in the College's dedication to the service of God, a dedication nobly stated in our motto *Pro ecclesia et patria*. Because of the importance of religion in the Trinity program, we have had, since early in this calendar year, a very strong Committee on Religious Life under the extremely able and active chairmanship of Professor John E. Candelet. This Committee met at least once a week during the Trinity Term. The results of its careful and dedicated deliberations were submitted after the completion of the College year. They will be carefully considered by the appropriate groups, when College resumes in September, and will, I am confident, have far-reaching effects on the religious life of Trinity.

The religious program was in charge of the Reverend Mr. Gerald B. O'Grady, Jr., Chaplain and Assistant Professor of Religion, and the



Reverend Mr. Allen F. Bray, III, '49, Assistant Chaplain. As reported elsewhere, Mr. O'Grady has left the College and the Assistant Chaplain aided by the Reverend Dr. Kenneth E. Cragg will be in charge of the religious services pending the appointment of a new Chaplain. The Reverend Dr. Edmund LaB. Cherbonnier, Associate Professor of Religion, will be in charge of the Department of Religion. It will be his responsibility to develop a meaningful program of academic stature. We are fully confident that he will be successful in this mission.

The gross attendance in Chapel during the past academic year was 44,666 for 420 services as compared with 38,325 for 461 services in 1953-1954. The core group of services which make up the basic Chapel schedule had a total attendance of 28,094, as compared with 30,739 a year ago. During the past year, however, on the action of the Committee on Administration recommended by the Chaplain, there were no services at one o'clock on Thursday. Inasmuch as in 1953-1954, 8,741 attended the Thursday services, the figure of 28,094 should be compared with 30,739 minus 8,741, or 21,998, a relative increase of some 20 per cent.

I quote from the report of the Chaplain: "The total (of communicants at the regular Communion Services) was 2,643, as compared with 2,743, the previous year, a decrease of 3.6 per cent. This however, must be adjusted to account for the fact that fewer Communion services were held (5), and adjusting with the averages for this year we show a relative increase in communicants at 'student oriented' services of 2.4 per cent. We are still moving forward as we have for nine years, but . . . the 'graph' is beginning to level off with a slower rate of climb, for some sort of plateau. Since the total picture presented by these figures is still far beyond the minimal performance demanded by the Chapel requirement, I would summarize by saying that the situation is gratifyingly healthy."

During the year the Assistant Chaplain was exceedingly active in regard to the affairs of The Canterbury Club, the Newman Club, The Hillel Society, The Christian Association and The Protestant Fellowship. Under his effective leadership these several groups will be even more active in the coming year.

In regard to pastoral care I quote at length from the report of the Assistant Chaplain: "It is with some surprise that I realize the considerable use that was made of me in a pastoral sense . . . . The following statistics which do not include the casual visits by students who came in while passing the Chapel, without appointments, will indicate . . . the reason for my surprise: On members of the student body, the Faculty, and the administrative staff, I made . . . a total of 32 hospital calls. With the same group . . . there have been a total of 158 previously scheduled personal counselling sessions ranging from thirty to sixty minutes in length, dealing with various emotional, psychological and religious difficulties. While the majority of these have in no sense been 'critical' situations, there have been some of them that required referral to competent professional help. There have also been others who give all indications that this will un-

doubtedly be necessary in the near future. This points up to a problem here at Trinity where we do not yet have a referral policy or agency to handle such situations . . . . In the dormitories I made only 52 calls . . . because of the pressure of other responsibilities. In many instances it would have been good and wise to be in the dormitory following a lead or invitation and on its own home ground. . . . It becomes apparent that there is a great need for more pastoral work on this campus. The Chaplains must have more time to be outside the building, with the students, the Faculty, and the members of the administration. Otherwise the formal liturgical expression of our Christian Faith is irrelevant in daily life."

## THE LIBRARY

Since the completion of the splendid new Library in 1952, the use of its fine facilities has continued to increase. It is most gratifying that requests for information concerning its construction and arrangement keep pouring in as good reports about them circulate in collegiate and library circles. Great credit is due to our extremely able Librarian, Professor Donald B. Engley, as well as to the architect, our Trustee and devoted alumnus, Mr. Robert B. O'Connor, '16.

The cataloguing of the rare Watkinson Collection, financed jointly by the Old Dominion Foundation and three local foundations, is now well into the second of a ten year estimated project, and is going forward with commendable progress.

Membership in the Trinity Library Associates now exceeds 200. Dr. Jerome P. Webster, '10, one of the moving forces behind its organization, which means so much to the College, has retired after serving with great success as Chairman for four years. He has been succeeded by Mr. Clarence E. Sherman, '11, the Librarian of the Providence Public Library, who has always been keenly interested in the welfare of his Alma Mater's Library.

## BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

During the year normal improvements were made to the College buildings. Special credit is due to Mr. Norman A. Walker, Property Manager, and to Mr. Hugh S. Rogers, Assistant Property Manager, and to their able and loyal staff for the splendid condition of the College buildings and grounds.

In June, in spite of every precaution, one of our finest elms succumbed to the dread disease. We intend to replace it with the tree hallowed in Trinity annals.

During the year, as I have already reported, the College acquired title to 86-88 Vernon Street, and 84 Vernon Street.

After a most careful survey of the best Gothic architects, Mr. Harold B. Willis of the firm of Collens, Willis and Beckonert, of Boston, Massachusetts, has been employed to do the architectural work on the



Downes Memorial Clock Tower. This fine addition to our campus was made possible by the generous benefaction of the late Mr. Louis W. Downes, '88, loyal alumnus and trustee.

The fabric of our beautiful Chapel continues to grow. Some of the recent additions are the fine new altar in the Crypt Chapel so generously given by our beloved trustee, Mr. Bern Budd, '08, and dedicated June 11th; the magnificent new dossals behind the main Altar and in the Crypt Chapel; the new pew ends so generously presented by the Harriman family, noted in Trinity annals, and by our loyal Chapel janitor, Dominic Cristelle; the candlesticks and Cross in the Crypt Chapel, the kind gift of William Austin, '51; and the two missal cushions also in the Crypt Chapel, donated by Daniel Sullivan, '53.

### COLLEGES FINANCES

We have not yet reached that Utopian day when we can forego consideration of financial matters. At Trinity, as I have pointed out before, they are of particular importance. Our endowment is much less than that of comparable institutions in New England. Our enrollment has grown materially without a corresponding increase in endowment. And tuition pays barely one-half of the cost of a Trinity education.

During the fiscal years 1954-1955 we again operated within our income, as we have for the past decade, and as we will continue to do. The books have been closed showing an excess of income and reserves over expenditures and appropriations amounting to \$5,226.19. We were able to accomplish this result because of several factors: (1) the careful, economical and business-like manner with which our affairs were conducted, due to our extremely competent and able Treasurer and Business Manager, Mr. J. Kenneth Robertson and his efficient staff; (2) the skill with which the Investment Committee, so constructively guided by Mr. A. Northey Jones, '17, handles the endowment funds of the College and the excellent return realized on our investments; and (3) the splendid service of our Development Office under the magnificent leadership of Mr. Albert E. Holland, '34, Vice President in Charge of Development, in producing the annual income, on which the College had to rely for a balanced budget.

The budget for the current year has caused considerable difficulty. It is still a preliminary budget with certain adjustments as yet to be made. It has caused difficulty in spite of the modest increases in student fees effective in September, 1955 — tuition increased from \$650 to \$700, or 7.7 per cent, and in lieu of existing fees the imposition of a general fee of \$50 per annum. In this budget we have endeavored to take certain constructive steps calculated to add to the academic stature of the College: (1) We have provided much needed increases in salary to the Faculty. Incidentally, a salary scale for the various academic ranks has been established, and practically everyone has been put on this scale; (2) We have in the interest of the students added several members to the teaching staff; (3) We have endeavored

to provide more funds for the purchase of books and for the improvement of Library service; and (4) We have increased funds available for scholarships.

Again, a sizeable annual income is included in the budget — from alumni, parents, friends, and the Associations. On the basis of experience the estimate of this income is entirely reasonable.

## THE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The benefits from the establishment of our Development Office were readily apparent during 1954-1955.

During the fiscal year a total of \$558,643 was given to the College, as compared with \$321,214 in 1953-1954; and with \$175,000 in 1952-1953. The College is lastingly grateful to those who expressed their faith in Trinity and in higher education by providing such generous support. I express our sincere gratitude to the donors listed in the report of the Treasurer of Trinity College.

Because of the importance to the College of the Development Program, I wish to report on its several activities.

### 1. *The 1954-1955 Alumni Fund.*

Two thousand three hundred and fifty alumni gave \$70,898, or 109 per cent of the accepted \$65,000 goal. Mr. Melvin W. Title, '18, the Chairman of the Alumni Fund Campaign, provided splendid leadership. Without his enthusiasm, vision and hard work, these fine results would not have been obtained. A comparison with the last four years shows how much this excellent achievement has resulted from the careful planning of previous campaigns by Mr. John F. Butler, '33, and the various campaign chairmen.

<i>Year</i>	<i>Contributors</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Average</i>
1951-1952	1,717	\$36,162	\$19.88
1952-1953	2,035	44,622	20.75
1953-1954	2,038	51,020	23.37
1954-1955	2,035	70,898	30.17

The 1954-1955 Fund was marked by an intensive Special Gifts Campaign under the able leadership of Mr. Charles T. Kingston, Jr., '34, whose division raised some \$52,000, or 80 per cent of the \$65,000 goal, and 74 per cent of the final total.

Mr. Robert S. Morris, '16, headed up a division to solicit all alumni of ten years and more who hold Trinity degrees, but who had never contributed to the Alumni Fund. This division brought in several hundred new givers and a few thousand most welcome dollars.

Mr. Barclay Shaw, '35, was the Chairman of the Class Agents Section. That he and his group commanders did an excellent job in helping the Class Agents is indicated by the fact that a record number of Agents made their quotas even though all quotas were increased materially.



Mr. L. Barton Wilson, III, '37, was head of Publicity and designed the very simple but attractive, forceful and highly effective pamphlet.

Mr. Robert O. Muller, '31, general Vice Chairman, was a tower of strength. Special credit also goes to Mr. Sidney A. Pinney, '18, Mr. George C. Capen, '10, Mr. Harmon T. Barber, '19, and Mr. George Malcolm-Smith, '25, all former Alumni Fund Chairmen. The College is lastingly grateful to the many generous donors as well as to all who gave so unselfishly of their time and counsel in carrying the campaign forward.

## *2. Parents Fund.*

On October 30, 1954, the Trinity College Parents Association was formally organized with Mr. Robert M. Bartlett of Pittsburgh as the first President. One of the early actions of the Directors was to establish a Trinity College Parents Fund with Mr. Samuel F. Ninness, of Philadelphia, First Vice President of the Association, as Chairman. The Directors accepted a goal of \$20,000. As of June 30, 1955, 463 parents had given \$26,420, or 132.1 per cent of the established goal, a remarkable record.

The Parents' contributions for the past five years are here summarized:

<i>Year</i>	<i>Contributors</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Average</i>
1950-1951	85	\$7,515	\$88.41
1951-1952	185	15,347	82.95
1952-1953	223	15,503	69.52
1953-1954	242	12,694	52.45
1954-1955	463	26,420	57.09

It is impossible to pay adequate tribute to the inspiring leadership given by Mr. Ninness to this important work; as well as to the 17 parents who served as Area Chairman for Special Gifts and who raised \$22,000 of the total, and to the highly effective President of the Association, Mr. Robert M. Bartlett. To all, Trinity owes a lasting debt of thanks for what is undoubtedly one of the best records of giving by parents at any college in the country. Over 50 per cent of the parents of undergraduates contributed.

It is to be noted that until the past year the Parents Fund was a part of the Alumni Fund and that the parents of undergraduates alone were actively solicited.

## *3. The Trinity College Associates.*

So far as liberal arts colleges are concerned, the Trinity College Associates Program is quite unique. It is based on the premise that there is a natural partnership between the business and industry of Greater Hartford and Trinity; that the College, in keeping with its academic objectives, is in a unique position to render signal service to such business and industry. Membership in the Associates is sought not on the basis of charitable contributions, but because of the special

service the College is able to provide, on a *quid pro quo* basis, as it were. The Program has met with marked success.

During 1954-1955 seven firms became members of the Trinity College Associates, bringing the total membership to 21. It is expected that additional companies will join each year. The membership fees during the year totalled \$22,000 as of June 30, and renewals are still coming in. It is not too much to hope that within the next years these companies will be helping Trinity to the extent of \$75,000 - \$100,000 a year.

Mr. Newton C. Brainard, Mr. John B. Cook, '10, Mr. Lyman B. Brainerd, '30, and Mr. Mitchell S. Little again have been most helpful in moving this Program forward.

As part of the educational services provided by the College for the Associates, under the direction of Dr. Robert M. Vogel, were four stimulating lectures on "The Economy of New England".

#### 4. *Other Annual Income.*

Through mail appeals and other approaches, the College received \$33,513 which is available for current operations from 115 contributors.

#### 5. *Bequests.*

During the year Trinity received \$249,000 from the estate of Philip B. Gale of Hartford (added to endowment), and, as a partial distribution, \$2,988 from the estate of Miss Fannie Dravo of Pittsburgh.

The Alumni Committee on Endowment, under the splendid leadership of Mr. Sydney D. Pinney, '18, began its work in February, 1955. By June 30 the College had received information that 48 alumni had included Trinity in their estate planning for an estimated total of \$800,000. Mr. Pinney and his Committee of class representatives are continuing their work with energy and enthusiasm. Their efforts will determine in large part the future of Trinity College.

Work on bequests, hitherto confined primarily to alumni of at least 25 years, must now be extended to other areas, and this will be a major project for the next few years.

#### 6. *Gifts for Endowment.*

During the year the College received \$129,285 in gifts for endowment. Mr. Karl W. Hallden, '09, a most generous benefactor, gave \$40,000 for endowment of the Department of Engineering and an additional \$30,000 for scholarship endowment. Mr. Raymond J. Wean, Hon., '54, gave \$21,035 also for scholarship endowment. Mr. Charles T. Easterby, '16, generously added to the scholarship fund he established a few years ago; as did Mr. Isidore Wise, Hon., '49; and Mr. Richard H. Cole. An anonymous donor contributed \$12,000 for carillon recitals; and another anonymous donor gave \$10,000 for a scholarship fund. The Suisman Foundation donated \$11,000 to set up two scholarships, one in honor of Governor Abraham A. Ribicoff, Hon., '55. Mr. and Mrs. Clinton J. Backus (he is a member of the class of 1909) gave \$1,000 to begin a scholarship fund. Mr. Alfred N. Guertin, '22,



generously added to the fund in memory of his mother, and Mr. Robert S. Morris, '16, endowed a trophy for the outstanding member of the track team. Mr. Henry M. Zachs, '56, gave a second gift of \$100 to the fund for professional salaries.

#### *7. Gifts for Special Purposes.*

Such gifts during 1954-1955 totalled \$24,539. This does not include the magnificent dossal in the Chapel which was given anonymously by one of the College's most generous supporters.

Outstanding among these gifts was the Margaret Berkman Budd altar in the Crypt Chapel given by her husband, Bern Budd, '08; a gift from the Allen Manufacturing Company for Office equipment; various gifts to the Library from Karl W. Hallden, '09, and his wife Margaret; and Mrs. J. H. Kelso Davis; a contribution from the First National Stores for the renovations in Williams Memorial; a gift by Karl W. Hallden, '09, towards the salary of the new Associate Professor of Religion; a research grant to Professor James M. Van Stone from the National Science Foundation; and a most generous additional gift by Mr. A. Northey Jones, '17, for the new dormitory.

*PRIVATE COLLEGES COULD NOT LONG ENDURE without the support of their sons and friends. Indeed, Trinity College is a living memorial to men and women who bequeathed their worldly goods to planting the seeds of freedom and knowledge in successive generations of young men. For the assistance of alumni and friends who desire to provide by will or deed for gifts to the College, the following newly drafted forms are suggested:*

(Gift for General Purposes)

I GIVE, DEVISE AND BEQUEATH TO TRUSTEES OF TRINITY COLLEGE, A CORPORATION EXISTING UNDER AND BY VIRTUE OF A SPECIAL ACT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT AND LOCATED IN THE CITY AND COUTY OF HARTFORD, STATE OF CONNECTICUT, .....  
..... DOLLARS (OR OTHERWISE DESCRIBE THE GIFT) TO BE USED (or, THE INCOME TO BE USED) AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CORPORATION.

(Gift for Specified Purpose)

I GIVE, DEVISE AND BEQUEATH TO TRUSTEES OF TRINITY COLLEGE, A CORPORATION EXISTING UNDER AND BY VIRTUE OF A SPECIAL ACT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT AND LOCATED IN THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HARTFORD, STATE OF CONNECTICUT, .....  
..... DOLLARS (OR OTHERWISE DESCRIBE THE GIFT) TO BE USED (or, THE INCOME TO BE USED) FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES: (HERE SPECIFY THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH THE GIFT (OR THE INCOME THEREFROM) IS TO BE USED).

*It is desirable that the College be given considerable latitude in the use of any fund so that a change of circumstances will not impair the usefulness of the gift.*

*In order to insure compliance with all requirements of the law of the state in which the donor resides, it is recommended that the will or deed be prepared and its execution supervised by a lawyer. The Treasurer of the College will be glad to collaborate in the drafting of language appropriate to carry out the desires of the donor.*

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